

coal and will probably leave here on Friday next. The United States steamer Powhatan went up to the mouth of the river yesterday and the workmen have commenced operations upon her. Her new centre shaft is to be supplied by Messrs. Merrick & Son, of Philadelphia, and it is expected will be ready for shipping to-morrow. The steamer Powhatan is a fine vessel, and is now in the vicinity during the last few days. Mr. Foster, the harbor master, died yesterday, making some four or five weeks without a firelight.

HOW JOHN P. HALE.—The rumor that John P. Hale was in this city is entirely unfounded. It is now said by those who profess to know, that he is in place to remain in Dover and to run as a free trader, and free sell candidates for Congress in the State district. In place of Hon. Amos Tuck—*Concord Patriot*, Dec. 9.